

REMARKS

Claims 46-59 and 63-77 are pending. Claims 60-62, 78 and 79 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Claims 46 and 63 are currently amended. Claims 1-45 were previously cancelled.

Claims 46-59 and 63-77 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. On April 16, 2007, Applicants discussed the present rejections with Examiner's Supervisor Lamb, and explained that the claim's source data image (i.e. the imported image that is to be printed) is not limited by the printer and can be obtained from any number sources. Since the original source data's "second number of colors" is not limited by the printer, it was not clear what the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 referred to. Supervisor Lamb agreed to discuss the present rejections with Examiner Kang for further clarification.

In a PTO interview on April 23, 2007, Examiner Kang explained that the 112 rejections did not refer to the number of colors of the obtained source data, but referred to the terms "printable colors" and "visually discernable colors" as referring to the number of distinct colors supported by the printer. It was agreed that current rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 may be overcome by defining the number of printable colors as the printer's "color depth", and that such changes would be submitted by Amendment After Final.

In accordance with Examiner's Kang's suggestion, independent claim 46 and 63 are amended to define "printable colors" as the printer's color depth. The term "visually discernable colors" is not present in the claimed invention.

This Response After Final Rejection is believed to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper Under 37 CFR §1.116. Accordingly, entry of this Response After Final Rejection, as an earnest attempt to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, he is respectfully requested to contact applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

It is respectfully submitted that the proposed changes do not raise any new issues or require any further searching or consideration. Accordingly, entry of this amendment after allowance pursuant to 37 CFR §1.312 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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